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ALLARD SUPPORTS GOVERNORS REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY SNOW FUNDING

LAWMAKER SENDS LETTER TO PRESIDENT URGING EMERGENCY FUNDING

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today announced that he has sent a letter to the White House supporting Governor Owens request to declare Colorado a snow disaster area. This would allow Colorado to be eligible for aid from the Federal Emergency Disaster Agency as the price tag of the storm that hit the state almost two weeks ago is climbing to the \$45 million mark. Of that total \$35 million is estimated in property damage and nearly \$10 million in snow removal.

"This storm was a welcome sight for the drought plagued state of Colorado, however the huge amount of snow the area received has created a critical need for Federal assistance," said Allard.

The storm brought a heavy wet snow that left twenty-two counties qualified for "record" or near record snowfall and should therefore be eligible for assistance in accordance with FEMA's Snow Assistance Policy (9523.1).